



H.R. 1662 – Bureau of Reclamation Site Security Costs Act of 2007

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 1662 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Grace Napolitano (D-CA) on March 23, 2007. This bill was reported by unanimous consent from the Committee on Natural Resources on November 15, 2007.

H.R. 1662 is expected to be considered on December 4, 2007.

BACKGROUND

The Bureau of Reclamation of the Department of the Interior is responsible for ensuring the safety of dams. Due to the increased risks to our nation's infrastructure post-September 11, 2001, security at dams has been increased.

The cost of this increased security is divided into two categories – capital investment and operation and maintenance. Security-related capital investment is treated as non-reimbursable and from 2002 to 2007, the Bureau will have funded \$66 million to fortify dams.

However, security-related operation and maintenance costs are reimbursable. These costs are often passed on to energy and water consumers.

**Note: Security-related operation and maintenance costs include guards and patrols, training, and patrols by local and tribal law enforcement entities.*

SUMMARY

H.R. 1662 caps the amount of reimbursable, security-related operation and maintenance costs at \$18.9 million per fiscal year (indexed for inflation).

The bill continues to treat security-related capital investment as non-reimbursable.

H.R. 1662 also requires the Secretary of the Interior to submit an annual report to Congress on security activities. The report is required to include a summary of Federal and non-Federal expenditures in order to show pre-September 11, 2001, and post-September 11, 2001, costs for site security activities.

COST

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that enacting H.R. 1662 “would have no significant impact on the budget.” [CBO Cost Estimate](#)

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